**Romeo & Juliet Webquest English9**

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**Directions:**

1. Copy the questions from below page and paste it into your a word page. (Control A: select all, Control C: copy, Control V: paste).
2. Your task is to answer all the questions using the links provided. Insert your answers after the questions; make your answers a different color than the question Be sure you answer all parts of the question.
   * When you hit enter to put your answer in below each question, use a bullet.
3. Delete these directions (everything from the word 'Directions;" to just above the line) before you finish.

**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?

* William Shakespeare was born in 1564.

1. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* We celebrate his birth day on April 23.

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* It is the location where William Shakespeare was born.

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* William Shakespeare was associated with the acting company called the Queen’s Men in his early career.

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* Romeo and Juliet were probable written in 1595.

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?

* The timber came from the old Theatre.
  1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
* The carpenter who built the Globe was Peter Smith.
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"
* Shakespeare received 10% of total profits.

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* April 23 1616. He died the same day we celebrated his birthday. He also changed his will right before he died. He was 51 years old.

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* It is when two people join hands give each other a ring on the right hand, then switches to the left during the wedding then seals it with a kiss and signature.
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* Bridesmaids are custom for the bride to have. Also the wedding garland should be roses and rosemary. Lastly The bride carries her garland till after the ceremony, then wears it on her head

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?

* The dress could be fashionable or any current color.
  1. How the intention to marry is announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* It must be announced three times in a church. If not the marriage is consider illegal.
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* They help the bride, groom and family get ready.
  1. What is a dowry?
* Financial security from both sides of the family

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* Very important, they believed the finger that the ring is one had a vain that lead straight to your heart.

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* Generally people would prepare two meals a day.

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* Because chocolate was a bitter drink cause sugar and milk was not add yet.

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* Two vegetables would be lettuce and carrots. Two meats would be duck and deer. The last two fruits would be apples and oranges.

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from Romeo and Juliet is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* Wherefore means “Why” in old time English language.

1. What does "stay" mean?

* Stay in old time English language means to “Wait”.

1. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || || Good day. ( A sneezes) Forgive me

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit | God save you. |
| **A** | Thank you. | I thank thee. |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is? | Say do you know where the closest Jakes is. |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. |  |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye. | I thank thee. Goodbye. |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* There were no female actors in the company.

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* Yes, the term referred to actors was “Player”.

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* The seating was tightly packed and to get a good seat was first come first serve.

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* If the audience did not like the performance or performers, they would pelt them with oranges or anything handy.

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

* Thou yeasty, onion-eyed maggot-pie.